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EXAMINING GROUP 3748

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For: EXHAUST GAS PURIFYING APPARATUS OF AN INTERNAL  
COMBUSTION ENGINE

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 11, 2002

Sir:

This is a reply to the Office Action dated October 10, 2002. This Reply is  
limited to a Request for Reconsideration.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-14 are pending.

Claims 1 and 2 are independent claims.

**DRAWINGS**

The indication that the formal drawing of Fig. 5 filed on October 2, 2002,  
has been approved for entry is noted.

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